

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 4, 2000

Mr. Joseph Whelan 1717 Briarcliff Drive Urbana, IL 61802

RE: MUR 4988

Dear Mr. Whelan:

This is in reference to your letter dated September 22, 2000, requesting that the complaint you filed against Tom Berns for State Representative be withdrawn.

Under 2 U.S.C. § 437g, the Federal Election Commission is empowered to review a complaint properly filed with it and to take action which it deems appropriate under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A request for withdrawal of a complaint will not prevent the Commission from taking appropriate action under the Act. Your request will become part of the public record within 30 days after the entire file is closed.

If you have any further questions about this procedure, please contact Alva E. Smith on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 649-1650.

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